

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1573 without my signature.

Under existing law, the Air Resources Board (ARB), in the development of California's State Implementation Plan for meeting air quality requirements, identifies the emission reductions that the Bureau of Automotive Repair's (BAR) Smog Check Program must achieve to meet our air quality improvement goals. ARB then works with the BAR to set the emission cutpoints for their motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program.

This bill would not make the Smog Check program more effective, nor will it change the existing process for developing emission cutpoints in a way that improves air quality in the state. It merely creates an additional, unnecessary and potentially more costly layer of government for the adoption of these emission cutpoints.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger